

**Coffee County
Relay for Life set
for Friday,
April 20th**



**Spring Planting
Day held at
Elba's Giving
Garden**



**Elba's Tanner
Skinner takes
medalist honors
at recent match**



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Two accidents minutes apart in same location in Crenshaw County Elba man killed in Sunday wreck

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two separate single vehicle crashes early Sunday morning, April 15, in the same location in Crenshaw County claimed two lives and sent another person to a Montgomery, Ala. hospital. One of the two fatalities was an Elba man.

Captain Tracy Nelson with the Alabama State Troopers said the two accidents each occurred minutes apart, and therefore were considered separate accidents; however, the two vehicles struck the same tree in the roadway in the same location. Nelson said the accidents remain under investigation, but the preliminary investigation indicates bad weather was a factor in both accidents.

The first of the two accidents happened at 5:50 a.m. Sunday morning, April 15, on Alabama Highway 97 at the 7-mile marker, seven miles south of Highland Home. This accident

claimed the life of Reginald Bernard Howard, age 52, of Selma, Ala. Captain Nelson said Howard was pronounced dead at the scene by Crenshaw County Coroner Ronnie Turner.

Howard was driving a 1987 Chevrolet truck when the vehicle struck the tree in the roadway, which was believed to have been knocked down by severe storms moving through the area Sunday morning. A passenger in the truck, Tyrome Butler, age 46, also of Selma, was transported to Baptist South in Montgomery to receive treatment for injuries he sustained in the accident.

Only 5 minutes after the first accident, another single vehicle accident occurred in the same location on Alabama Highway 97, at the 7-mile marker,

seven miles south of Highland Home. According to Captain Nelson, this accident at 5:55 a.m. claimed the life of Dillon Alexander Roberts, age 26, of Elba, Ala.

Roberts was driving a 2000 Ford Expedition when the vehicle struck the tree in the road. He too was pronounced dead at the scene by Crenshaw County Coroner Ronnie Turner.

Roberts was a 2010 graduate of Zion Chapel Schools in Coffee County. His funeral arrangements, announced by Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, had him listed as a current resident of Luverne, Ala.

Roberts' funeral was held Wednesday, April 18, at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. See the full obituary for Dillon Roberts on Page 3 of today's paper.



Dillon Roberts



Scene of the Crime...

Elba Police investigating Tuesday afternoon, April 17, shooting

One shooting victim airlifted to hospital

A shooting Tuesday afternoon, April 17, during the 2 o'clock hour, resulted in one person being airlifted from Elba for emergency medical treatment after being shot in the back. His condition was unknown as of press time Tuesday evening.

The details of what happened are very sketchy at press time as police were still trying to sort out exactly what happened. One person familiar with the subjects involved in the shooting believes the

young man shot was a bystander who got caught up in the crossfire between area citizens who have been in ongoing disagreements for some time.

The events reportedly started in Mulberry Heights some time before 2 p.m. Tuesday and had moved to the Family Dollar parking lot on Claxton Avenue by the time law enforcement and rescue personnel arrived in the area.

The investigation is ongoing at this time.



New fire truck in service for Elba FD

The newest member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department rolled into town Wednesday afternoon, April 11, as the new Engine 4 arrived home.

Four members of the fire department traveled to Seminary, Miss. on Wednesday to bring Elba's new Engine 4 home. As of Wednesday night, the truck (shown above) was deemed in service to serve the people of Elba and surrounding areas.

Engine 4 holds 3,000 gallons of water with a 1,500 gpm pump and also carries two 3,500 gallon portable drop tanks on board, according to Elba Firefighters. This means, the new Engine 4 along with Engine 3 allows the Elba Fire Department to put 4,800 gallons of water on scene with just two vehicles.

Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker said the department is thankful to the city leaders, grant writers, and the citizens of Elba, for

supporting and assisting in allowing the department to make the purchase of this new truck, which will allow the fire department to better serve its citizens

NEWS BRIEF:

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity will hold a groundbreaking ceremony this Sunday, April 22, for the newest Habitat home to be built in Elba. This home is being sponsored by the United Methodist Churches in the Dothan District.

The recipient of the new Habitat home is Benita Smith of Elba. The groundbreaking ceremony will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at 703 County Road 401, Elba.

All are invited to attend.



HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED...AL200 Bicentennial Ambassador Bobby Joe Seales (left) and Heath Wyrosdick (back), chairman of the Evergreen Cemetery board, accepted the duty last Friday, April 13, of officially unveiling the historical marker recently bestowed by the state historical commission for Elba's Evergreen Cemetery. This was done during a special ceremony held last Friday morning at the cemetery. Also shown watching as the sign is unveiled is Nell Gilmer, chairman of Elba's AL200 Bicentennial committee.

As City of Elba celebrates 165 years of incorporation birthday Historic marker unveiled at Evergreen Cemetery

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba recently received an Alabama Historical Commission Cemetery Marker, and it was officially unveiled last Friday morning, April 13, at the cemetery.

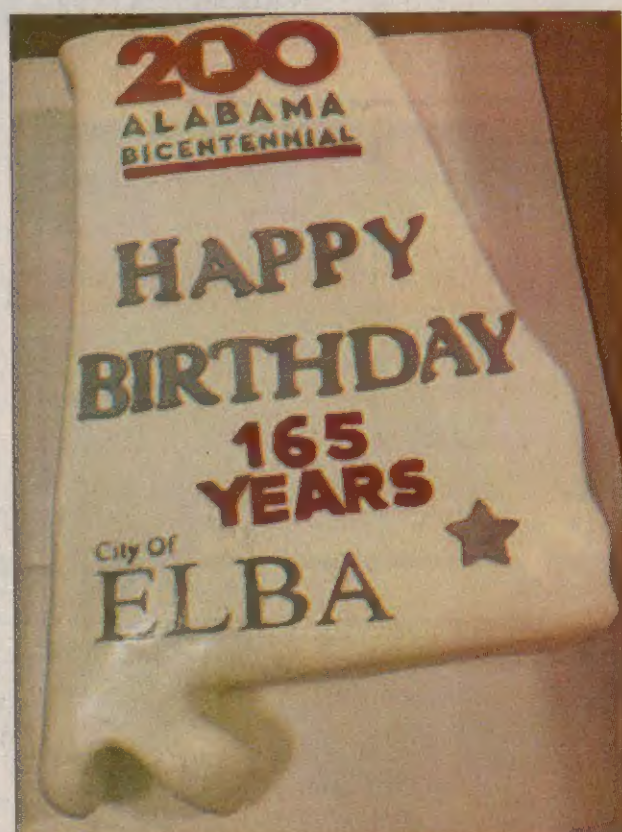
This event marked the completion of one of the projects for Elba's participation in the AL200 Bicentennial [the official celebration of Alabama's 200th birthday]. The Evergreen Cemetery was added to the Alabama Registry of historic cemeteries in 2016.

The marker was erected by the recently restored 109-year-old summer house, and this was all part of Elba's first AL200 Bicentennial project.

Sandy Bynum, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and co-chairman of the Elba AL200 Bicentennial committee, welcomed everyone to the unveiling event. She said the next project for Elba's bicentennial committee would be to serve as a host for the "Making Alabama" traveling history exhibit, which displays 200 years of Alabama history and beyond.

Bynum said Elba was chosen to be the Coffee County host for the traveling exhibit, and it would be displayed at the National Security Conference Center from July 4-25 for all to come and see.

"Today is a very monu-



A birthday cake, created by Chelsea Cooper, was enjoyed during the Evergreen Cemetery Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony last Friday in Elba. April 13th was significant for Elba in that it was the 165th anniversary of the town becoming the incorporated City of Elba. Therefore, Elba celebrates its birthday on April 13th, and the Elba AL200 Bicentennial committee thought it fitting to bring the two events together last Friday.

mental day in Elba's history," Bynum said last Friday morning at Evergreen Cemetery. "Not only because we are unveiling this wonderful marker in our cemetery, but for other reasons as well."

Jean Helms, the history chairperson for the Elba Bicentennial committee

and former Elba High School history teacher, noted it was April 13, 1953, which was 165 years ago last Friday, that a petition was circulated to create a resolution to incorporate Elba.

"A brief history...settlers

See MARKER, Page 10



12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SUPPORTING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH...Ladies from the Coffee County District Attorney's office in Enterprise are shown here wearing t-shirts last Friday, April 13, in support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The shirts were sold by the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center as a fundraiser. That office services Coffee County abuse cases as well. Those pictured above include: (standing, l to r) Deborah Bragg, Courtney Hilburn, Mary Katherine Head, Tonnya Glasgow, Crys Fuller, Amy Reeves; (sitting, l to r) Pat King, Misty Powell, and Jane Napper.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I haven't the slightest idea how to change people, but I still keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should ever figure it out." - David Sedaris

We saw a quote recently from a parent who admitted to being on Facebook solely to "spy" on his children. This parent admitted he could find out more about his teenagers there than from trying to talk with them all day. Think how many times you have lamented that your teenage children just don't want to tell you things taking that back more years than most of us want to admit, how did you fit into that mode during your teen years and are grateful there was no Facebook available to "rat" on you . . . just the neighbors?

The legal wrangling this week in Washington and New York over President Trump, his attorney Michael Cohen - and the world took a surprise turn Monday (at least to us). The attorney was forced in federal court to reveal the name of a "third" client. Since we are not following every move on this saga, we will not try to understand the 'why' of this turn of events. Most of us do express surprise that Fox News' Sean Hannity has some sort of ties to this same lawyer that has been known to describe himself as the long time 'fixer' for Trump. Excerpts of Hannity's TV broadcasts shown over and over again Monday evening confirm that he is very, very much a Donald Trump worshiper. That is fine until his underlying ties are not fully disclosed but his words go out over the airways as "hard news". Tuesday morning a couple of avid Fox News fans were heard expressing reservations over Hannity's TV programming. We agree with President Trump that there is entirely too much 'fake news' floating around the world but add that no one faction should be credited with being the only group spewing it out. It reminds this old moss-back of the ancient saying, "Don't believe anything you hear nor half of what you see".

In case you missed this earth-shattering event, there was a debate of Alabama candidates for governor held in Birmingham last week. Well it was without Governor Kay Ivey, who chose to be busy elsewhere. The only short article we saw after the event indicated that those on the stage spent much of their time and energy complaining because Ivey was not present. They apparently wanted to be critical of the lady to her face, or maybe felt their event would have had more free news coverage if the leading candidate in the upcoming election was part of the debate.

A lady trying to trace her family roots was in town Monday. She had been hitting brick walls due to more than one set of children, adoptions, etc. The regrettable thing is that the family members who could have connected the dots have died without leaving any clues for her to follow. We encourage those who are still able to leave some sort of trail for those who want to connect with all family members.

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LBW Community College's academic courses transfer

Editorial by
Dr. Herb Riedel, LBWCC
president

It doesn't matter if you want to become a doctor, lawyer, architect, anthropologist, engineer, dentist, journalist, scientist, or any other career field requiring at least a four-year degree, they all require general education courses.

Courses such as English, history, math, science, literature, art, and speech are included in those core courses required for all majors. LBW Community College offers all those and more, all taught at university level by faculty with the same credential requirements.

Why is that important? Students attending LBWCC in an academic transfer program of study save at least half the cost for the first two years of college and are assured of credit transfer when following the Alabama Articulation Program, also called STARS (Statewide Articulation Reporting System).

STARS is a computerized articulation and transfer planning system designed to inform students about degree requirements,

course equivalents, and other transfer information relating to specific majors at each state funded four-year institution.

For those interested in attending a private college, the Alabama Community College System's "2 to 4 Transfer Program" allows for the seamless transfer from the community college to selected independent colleges in Alabama. This will guide the student through the first two years of coursework and prevent loss of credit hours upon transferring.

At LBWCC, students can earn an Associate Degree in Arts, Associate Degree in Science, or Associate Degree in Applied Science. By first earning a two-year degree before transferring to a four-year university, students improve their earning potential. That credential is a great benefit, especially if they need to work before transferring or while studying for a bachelor's degree.

Within the next two years, according to research conducted by Georgetown University, 65 percent of all jobs in the American economy will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school. It is projected that 35 percent of job openings will require at least a bachelor's degree and 30 percent will require some college or an associate's degree.

The same research predicts job openings in

healthcare, community services, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) will grow the fastest among occupational clusters. Judgment and decision making, communications, analysis, and admin-

istration will be the four most in-demand competencies in the labor market.

Students who start their academic program this summer at LBWCC and attend classes year-round could earn enough credits in four semesters to begin a third year at their selected transfer institution. That saves time and greatly impacts financial expenses, while also placing them ahead of their peers in the time it takes to graduate.

There are several options during the summer term at LBW, such as taking one or two classes during one or both of the short mini-terms and additional courses for the regular term. If taking courses during the mini-terms, students can still enjoy several weeks

for vacation plans.

In addition, LBW offers online and hybrid course options every semester. Hybrid courses include both online and on-campus components during the semester. About 80 percent of a degree can be earned at LBWCC through online courses.

LBWCC's faculty and staff are committed to student success. We have support programs designed to help students achieve academic success and improve their opportunity to graduate. They can also develop leadership skills by participating in clubs and organizations.

As high school students look forward to upcoming commencement ceremonies, we urge them and their parents to view the event as a new educational beginning and take advantage of the opportunity to open the door of postsecondary education as early as this summer.

We are here, close to home, to help you achieve your educational goals. There's no better time than now to get started on your academic coursework and earn a college credential.

Visit www.lbwcc.edu for more information.



Dr. Herb Riedel

Public Notices

"For your
right to know"

Public notices in The Elba Clipper this week include a mortgage foreclosure, two estate notices regarding deceased Coffee County citizens. There are also three notices of City of Elba hearing on plans to demolish three houses that have been declared unlivable.

Also, next Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 a. m., the Coffee County Revenue Commissioner will auction off delinquent tax property (Elba Division). As of press time this week there are 16 parcels to be sold. Any of these 16 that are still unpaid as of 10:00 a. m. Tuesday will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash.

These 'public notices' can be found on Pages 6 and 7 of today's paper.

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Elba Police Report

arrest.

Arrests made during the week included: one for theft of property, three for failure to appear, one for possession of a controlled substance, and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: four for speeding, one for running a stop sign, two for no tag, two for no insurance, one for an open container, and one for a suspended driver's license.

MONDAY, APR. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 29298 Hwy. 167 for lift assist (8:24 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1209 Farris Ave. (8:49 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4059 County Rd. 305 (12:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at

19548 Hwy. 167 N. (7:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 29298 Hwy. 167 for lift assist (9:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 820 County Rd. 423 (10:53 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28842 Hwy. 167 (8:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 11

- Coffee County EMS dispatched to 645 Reynolds St. (5:48 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 728 County Rd. 344 (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (1:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1727 Hwy. 166 (2:19 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 203 (3:26 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APR. 12

- Coffee County EMS dispatched to 389 Old Samson Rd. for lift assist (1:28 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 13

- Domestic dispute reported at 406 Moore Ave. (12:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1733 County Rd. 321 (10:52 a.m.); Domestic disturbance with shots fired reported near 14129 Hwy. 84 (8:31 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1532 Powell Circle (10:21 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APR. 14

- Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2372 County Rd. 450 (7:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2042 County Rd. 427 (10:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1480 Forest Lake Dr. (1:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Dollar General store (4:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 100 Beaver Dam Apt. C-3 (5:07 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched for a river rescue of seven people, including a baby, that got caught on the Pea River after dark (7:31 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 15

- Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1733 County Rd. 321 (2:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 455 County Rd. 309 (5:45 p.m.).

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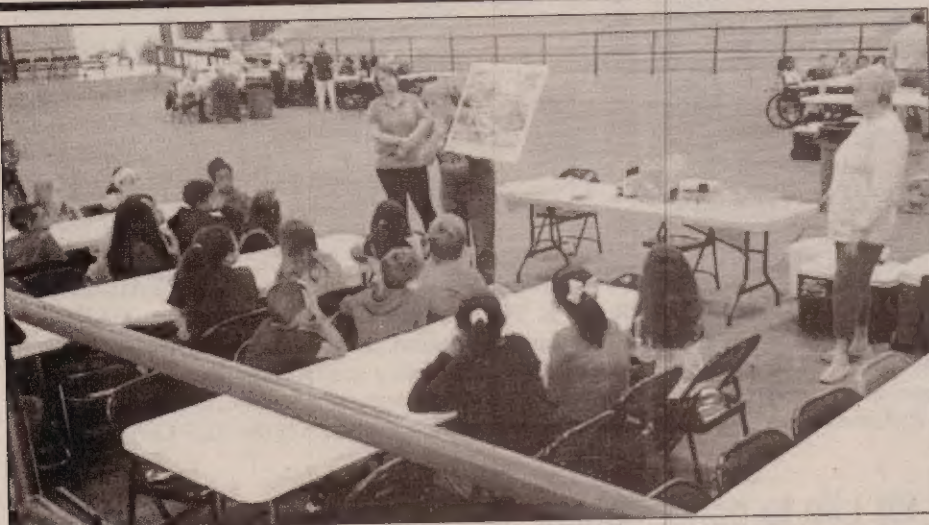
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SEVERAL CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE JUNE 5 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY SPOKE at the April 9th Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) meeting. Pictured above, left to right: Rich Hobson, Congressional District 2 Representative candidate; DeAnn Cronk; candidate for Circuit Court Clerk; Clarke White, House District 91 Representative candidate; CCRC Vice Chair, Kevin Kennington; and CCRC Chairman, Jason Bruce. CCRC meets the second Monday of the month at Po Folks in Enterprise. Everyone is invited. Social time begins at 6 pm with the program starting at 6:30. Attendees may order from the menu. For more information, call 406-1318.



COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT/NRCS HOSTS 13th ANNUAL COFFEE COUNTY GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL... This year's groundwater festival was held on three separate days. Coffee County fourth grade students enjoyed a fun filled day of hands on activities while learning about groundwater protection and conservation. On April 5th, 193 students and their teachers from Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel attended the festival. On April 10th, 276 students and their teachers from Harland Creek, Pinedale, and Rucker Blvd attended the festival. On April 12th, 272 students and their teachers from Hillcrest and Holly Hill attended the festival. All three events were held at the New Brockton Farm Center where each student rotated through three activity sessions. In session one, students built their own bracelet using beads to represent the different stages of the water cycle. In session two, students learned about filtration by attempting to remove pollutants from water. In the last session, students assembled an edible aquifer using chocolate syrup to represent an oil spill. Eating the aquifer was the most fun of all! Winners from the poster contest from each school were announced during the awards ceremony. Monetary awards totaling \$1,720 were given out to students and their teachers during the three days of festivals. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Coffee County Master Gardeners and many Coffee County residents volunteered their time to assist with the event and present demonstrations. Due to its efforts to protect groundwater, the Coffee County Conservation District is an active member of the Groundwater Foundation. Financial sponsors and supporters of the event include Coffee County Conservation District and Wiregrass RC&D who provides a grant for this event.

Four locals recognized for the academic team

Community college scholars named to All-Alabama Academic Team

Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker, college presidents, and faculty and staff recognized 46 students from across the state for their selection as 2018's All-Alabama Academic Team.

The All-Alabama Academic Team members are selected by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their demonstration of academic excellence and intellectual rigor, leadership and service, and for their commitment to extending their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

"It is a great honor to recognize these 46 outstanding students from our community colleges across the state for their commitment to excellence and their service to their communities," Chancellor Baker said. "The individuals selected for the All-Alabama Academic Team represent our state's best and brightest and I'm truly optimistic for our state's future with students like these at the helm."

Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and be enrolled in a minimum of six semester credit hours.

Each nominator reviews the applications and sub-

mits nominations for consideration for the All-USA Academic Team.

Applications are scored and two individuals from each Alabama community college are selected for the All-Alabama Academic Team.

Nominated students can also qualify for the Coca-Cola Academic Team. Students chosen for this honor are categorized as Gold, Silver or Bronze Scholars. Ten Alabama students were recognized as Coca-Cola Scholars, 2 Gold, 7 Silver, and 1 Bronze, these honors are indicated below.

In total more than \$64,000 in scholarships was awarded to the recognized students. For those students intending to transfer to a four-year, in-state institution, 14 Alabama colleges and universities also provide additional scholarships for All-Alabama Academic Team members.

Local students named to the 2018 All-Alabama Academic Team include:

- Peighton Carpenter of Brantley, Ala
- Lurleen B. Wallace of Enterprise, Ala
- Cheyanna Huston-McCrea of Enterprise, Ala

Enterprise State Community College

• Haley Rose McInnis of Enterprise, Ala

Enterprise State Community College

• Brandon Scott Walker of Brantley, Ala

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LIFESTYLES



Elba Elementary to host Kindergarten Registration April 25th and April 26th

Elba City Schools announces its 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration!

Parents with a child turning 5-years-old or will turn 5-years-old by September 1, 2018, are encouraged to bring their child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, or Thursday, April 26th. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be able to meet a few staff members and be given a short assessment on basic kindergarten skills.

Each student enrolling in Elba City Schools for the first time will need the following provided by the parent/guardian at the time of registration:

1. Copy of child's birth certificate
2. Social security card (If a student does not have an SSN, a temporary number shall be assigned as specified by the ALSDE)
3. Up-to-date certificate of immunization
4. Proof of residency (Current utility bill, mortgage statement, or rent lease agreement)
5. Parent/Guardian picture ID
6. If Applicable: Proof of Custody/Guardianship - Custody papers may be required if the student doesn't reside with both birth parents.

For additional questions concerning kindergarten registration, call the principal or counselor at EES - (334) 897-2814.

Farm City 'Real McCoy' luncheon set for April 27th in New Brockton

The Real McCoy's Farm-City Luncheon will be held Friday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m., at the Coffee County

Complex Community Room, located at 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL.

If planning to attend, call the Coffee County Extension Office by Wednesday, April 25, at 334 894-5596. This is one of several events hosted each year by the Coffee County Farm City Committee.

Anna Marie Bowers named to Phi Sigma Theta honor society

Phi Sigma Theta announces that Anna Marie Bowers, the daughter of Brett and Karen Davis, of Elba, Ala., has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at the University of Alabama.

Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

Annual Brunson Reunion set for April 21 in Elba

The annual Brunson Reunion will be held Saturday, April 21, in Elba at noon and again at the pavilion on Brunson Farms. All family members are urged to attend this long running event.

April meeting for DAV Chapter 99 set for April 26th

The April meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday April 26, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.



THE 26TH ANNUAL COFFEE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY is scheduled for this Friday night, April 20, with the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. The survivors will make the first lap and afterwards all the teams will take the track. At 9 p.m., there will be a special luminaria and torch service to celebrate survivors and remember those we have lost to cancer. It is not necessary to be a team member to participate in this meaningful event. Pictured are survivors originating the beginning of activities at the 2017 Coffee County Relay for Life.

Coffee County Relay for Life to honor cancer survivors on Friday, April 20th

As part of the 26th annual Coffee County Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society, all cancer survivors are invited to participate in several special activities during Relay for Life week.

The Coffee County Relay for Life activities begin Friday, April 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on North Main Street. Survivors will be given a Relay for Life t-shirt upon entering the fellowship hall for the breakfast celebration.

Prior to Friday night's Relay for Life opening ceremonies at the Enterprise Ozark Community College track, all cancer survivors are asked to wear their t-shirts and gather on the bleachers in front of the grand stand for a group picture

at 5:45 p.m. The Relay for Life Team #1 is the cancer survivor team and all survivors are invited to participate with this team.

All survivors and their families are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life opening. After the first lap, an evening meal will be provided under the survivor tent.

At 9 p.m., there will be a special Luminaria/Torch ceremony.

Cancer survivors who would like to participate in the activities are asked to call Linda Address at 334-313-6497 or email Charlene Goolsby at csgoalsby@centurytel.net.

Letters with response cards will be mailed the first week of April.



CANDIDATES VISIT NEW HOPE SENIOR CENTER...On Tuesday, April 10, several candidates for county and state offices visited the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. Coffee County Commissioner Kim Ellis welcomed the candidates and opened the floor for each to introduce him/her self and the office they are currently seeking in this year's election. Finger foods were provided, and the candidates were able to eat and fellowship with the seniors at the center. The candidates in attendance are pictured above with New Hope Senior Center director Conzuella Banks and County Commissioner Kim Ellis. Pictured, from left to right: Philip Box, candidate for Coffee County Coroner; Skip Neuwen, candidate for Coffee County Sheriff; Clarke White, candidate for State Representative, District 91; Rhett Marques, candidate for State Representative, District 91; DeAnn Cronk, candidate for Coffee County Circuit Clerk; Commissioner Kim Ellis; center director Conzuella Banks; Lister Reeves, candidate for State Representative, District 91; Dave Sutton, candidate for Coffee County Sheriff; Sonny Reagan, candidate for Circuit Judge; Amy Reeves, candidate for Coffee County Circuit Clerk; and Josh Wilson, candidate for Circuit Judge.

Addams Family musical set for April 19-21 at Enterprise High Performing Arts Center

The Addams Family, a New Musical, will be April 19-20 at 7 p.m. and April 21 at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

Advanced tickets may be purchased for \$12 at Gifts on the Hill or at Style ASAP. Tickets purchased at the door [one hour prior to each show] will be \$15 each. All seats are general admission.

For more information, look on Instagram @wild-catdrama

Basin Baptist Church planning free Community Gathering event

Basin Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., will host its annual Basin Community Gathering on Saturday, May 5, from 3-7 p.m. There will be free BBQ, special entertainment, activities for the children, and much more.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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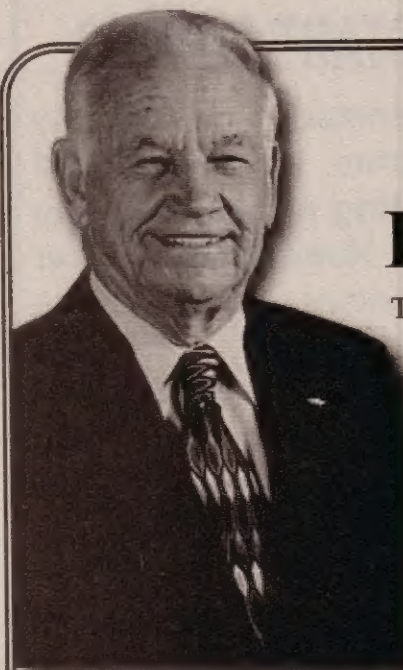
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Ever tried to pray one of those prayers like "Dear God, You know I love you, right? Since I love you so well don't you think you could do me some big favors? God, I would like a bigger house, a larger salary and all my problems to disappear. Oh, and God? Please do it ASAP because I feel like it's about time!" We love to treat God like our own genie in a bottle, don't we? We can be great and saying selfish prayers. I'm working on this week's sermon based in 1 John 3 and I have stumbled upon this verse that I hear used (also other versions in The Gospels) about based on vs. 22 "...we will receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him." I've often tried to coerce God into giving me great things or even making me great while reading this verse (and others) out of context. These immature, faulty prayers cheapen God into a personal, room service magician instead of God: The Creator of the Universe, The Giver of Life, The God of Reconciliation and Wholeness, The God of Miracles etc.

This verse, and others, speak about us being a part of God's good work on Earth in our limited days of life. Our days are not supposed to be selfish days filled with indulgence, materialism and jealousy. God desires for us to live Godly lives where we look outside of ourselves and ask God to allow us to be a part of bringing His Kingdom here and now! God's main message to us in 1 John, The Gospel of John and all The New Testament is quite simple: LOVE ONE ANOTHER! Today I challenge each reader to avoid online shopping, watching commercials and saying selfish prayers. I challenge you to spend time with God in prayer asking God to allow you to be a part of God's will being done.

1 John 3:23-24

And this is his command: to believe in the named of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church invites all to Homecoming set for Sunday, May 20

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixsons Crossroads, will have Homecoming services on Sunday, May 20th.

At 10 a.m., Old Southern Gospel group will be in concert and there will be

children's church. At 11 a.m., Brother Larry Grimm will deliver the Homecoming message.

Lunch will be at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee County Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Training Clinic...

was held Sunday, April 15, hosted by Ino Baptist Church. Yanna Wyatt was this year's Association Vacation Bible School Director. Shown in the photo (to the right) with Yanna is the 2018 VBS Leadership Team.



Front row - Left to right: Annette Whitton, Elizabeth Mitchell, Debra Carnley, Michele Drew, Catherine Sims; Back row - Left to right: Bryan Barrineau, Yanna Wyatt, Anne Benson, Lester Rachel, Kerry Mitchell, Vickie Rachel, Pam Ashberry

Dixie Echoes to sing April 21st at Country Cathedral

The Dixie Echoes will be in concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy 84 West, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. Also appearing will be Derek Snellgrove and Xuripha Barrow.

Bethany Baptist Church planning April 22nd Homecoming services

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, April 22nd.

Services begin at 9 a.m. with special singing. Following the special

music, Chaplain, Retired Colonel Alvin (Sonny) Moore will deliver the Homecoming message.

The Church membership invites everyone to join them for this special celebration in the life of the church.

Church Anniversary celebration set for Greater Bethel African Methodist Church

The 115th Church Anniversary Celebration for Greater Bethel African Methodist Church, 33 Harper Lane, Elba, will be Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m.

The special guest will be Rev. William R. Hines, of New Hope Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Luverne, Ala.

Everyone welcome to attend.

Brian Free and Assurance set to sing May 4th at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church, located at 5711 County Road 114, will host Brian Free and Assurance in concert Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. A love offering will be received. For more information, call Joe Wilson at (334) 735-3343.

Victoria Baptist Church planning May 6th Homecoming services

Homecoming is planned at Victoria Baptist Church on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 54 County Road 210, Jack, Ala.

Walter Wilson from Dothan, Ala. will present a message in music. He will be singing old hymns of faith as well as current songs of praise.

Following the song service, a covered dish lunch

will be served in the church fellowship hall.

Visitors and former church members are invited to join the church members for this time of homecoming and celebration.

Church News is
due on Monday!

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"Beautiful are the feet of those who carry the Gospel"

All are cordially invited to join the Poplar Springs Baptist Church in New Brockton, on Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. for Pastor's Aide Day. Rev. Donald K. Mitchell, Pastor is pastor. Guest Minister, Rev. James H. Hall, Pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Elba AL. Everyone is invited

Question /Answer Section Q/A for the week of 4-12-18

(Q) Joshua challenged the people to put away their what? (toys) (gods) (shoes)

(A) Joshua challenged the people to put away their gods. (read) Josuah 24:14

Question for the week of 4-19-18

True or False

(Q) If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar?

Today is a good day! Be Grateful
Eria's Daughter Sue

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, April 22nd

Mt Gilead Baptist, Hwy 87 South, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, April 22, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Miracle Singers will

be leading the singing.

Pastor Dewey Enfinger has issued an "open arms" invitation for area citizens to join in listening to these singers.

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Remonia Smith Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EATON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Michael Woodham, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Bro Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH Olan Strickland-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor. Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Elder James Starks Jr. - Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Shane Thompson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser - Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor - Lee Jones Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Donald Mills Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Ronnie Stuckey, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley - Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH John Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p>
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The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Journeyman Lineman. Opening Date: Immediately. Closing Date: April 27, 2018.

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Notice of Appointment to be published by Administrator or Executor

ESTATE OF RICHARD C ODOM Deceased

PROBATE COURT
Letters Of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 27th day of March, 2018, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Judy Odom, Administrator 4-5, 12, 19-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jesse Fourmy and Jennifer Fourmy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., dated December 27, 2006 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 390, Page 818. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama on May 16, 2018, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT 5, BLOCK "G," COTTON CREEK PLANTATION, PHASE IV, as shown on Plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 293, Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon. Property Street Address for Informational Purposes: 110 Whitney Ave, Enterprise, AL 36330. Said property will be sold "AS IS". No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes - including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama

law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand the rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. **This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.** Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Mortgagee or Transferee Sady D. Mauldin A/LAW One Independence Plaza, Suite 416 Birmingham, AL 35209. Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 18-009952 A-4652959 04/12/2018, 04/19/2018, 04/26/2018 4-12,19,26-pd

Legal Publication Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Elba, Alabama's Appropriate Municipal Official, pursuant to Ordinance No. 07252016F, has made a finding that a building located on the following described property is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition:

STREET ADDRESS:
O PAYNE STREET, ELBA

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
One house and lot, said lot commencing at the north-west corner of J.W. Morrow lot and running west along the south margin of Pierce St. 100 ft.; thence south 200 feet; thence east 100 feet to J.W. Morrow's lot; thence north along the west side of J.W. Morrow's lot to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:
11-04-18-4-001-001.001

All persons interested in said property are hereby notified that if the unsafe or dangerous condition is not remedied by demolition of said building on said property within 45 days of the 23 day of April, 2018, the demolition will be accomplished by the City and the cost thereof assessed against said property. In the meantime, it is ordered that said building and said property be and remain vacated.

A public hearing as provided for by Section 14-152(a) set forth in Ordinance No. 07252016F will be held on this matter in the Council Chambers at the Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama, on April 23, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Anyone interested in the status of these proceedings should inquire with the Elba City Clerk at (334) 897-2333 or at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama. 4-19-1tc

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Official, pursuant to Ordinance No. 07252016F, has made a finding that a building located on the following described property is a dangerous building because it is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and is subject to demolition:

STREET ADDRESS:
936 SIMMONS STREET, ELBA

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL NO. 1: A lot or parcel of land located in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the south right of way of U.S. Highway 84 (Simmons Street) intersects the west right of way line of Adkinson Street 210 feet to a point; thence S 8752' W 198 feet to the3 Point of Beginning; thence continue S 8752' W 265 feet, more or less, to the bank of Beaver Dam Creek; thence northeasterly along the bank of said creek (2252' E chord) 121.3 feet to a point; thence N 8752' E 218.3 feet to a point; thence S 005' E 110 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being 0.610 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 2: A lot or parcel of land located in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the south right of way of U.S. Highway 84 (Simmons Street) intersects the west right of way of Adkinson Street; thence S 8955" W along the south right of way of said U.S. Highway No. 84 (Simmons Street) 185 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 005' E 90.55 feet to a point; thence S 8752' W 230.85 feet to the bank of Beaver Dam Creek; thence in a northwesterly direction along the bank of said creek (N 2408' W chord) 108.20 feet to a point; thence N 8932' E along the south right of way of U.S. Highway No. 84 (Simmons Street) 274.8 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being 0.551 acres, more or less.

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HELP WANTED

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Principal @ Kinston School (Grades Pre-K through 12)

To be considered for employment completion of an on-line application is required. To apply for this position and to access the on-line application please visit: www.alsde.edu/TeachInAlabama or www.coffeecountyschools.org. Please call Jennifer Piland at 334-897-5016 if additional information is required.

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STREET ADDRESS:
1232 GARRETT STREET, ELBA

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Block 74 according to the plat or map of the lands of Elba Improvement Company of Alabama, recorded in Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book One at page 58, LESS AND EXCEPT, three parcels of land described as follows: Excepted Parcel No. One: Being the Joanna Flowers property described as Lot No. 5 of Block 74 fronting Cyrus Street 60 feet and 190 feet on Reese Street, according to plat or map of Elba Improvement Company of Alabama.

NOTE: The Northeast end of this excepted parcel, and Cyrus Street, lie within the bounds of the Beaver Dam Creek Flood Control Canal. Excepted Parcel No. Two: Being the W. D. Wade property described as "One parcel or lot of land together with all the improvements thereon fronting Williams Street 46 feet; and running back parallel with Cyrus Street 110 feet to land of J. M. Garrett; thence parallel to with Williams Street 46 feet; thence parallel with Cyrus Street 110 feet to Williams Street." Being the same parcel of land conveyed by Aaron Youngblood and wife, Ida Youngblood, to W. D. Wade by Warranty Deed dated 21 October, 1925, recorded in Deed Book D-3- at Page 574. Excepted Parcel No. Three: Being that portion of said Block 74 of the lands of Elba Improvement Company of Alabama, which lie within the bounds of Beaver Dam Creek Flood Control Canal which runs along the Northeast side of Block 74.)

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:
11-04-18-1-001-049.000

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of Helen C. Farris, Deceased.
Case No. PC 2018-028

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tracy Deal as Personal Representative of the estate of Helen C. Farris, deceased, on the 10th day of April, 2018, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
s/s Gary D. Bradshaw
Gary D. Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P O Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439 / (334) 393-7163 fax
4-19,26/5-3/pd

The Coffee County Commission is seeking proposals for removal of three structures on property adjacent to the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama.

The buildings are located at 107 South Edwards Street, 109 South Edwards Street, and 103 East Grubbs Street.

Proposals must be in writing and must include all fees or other charges of any kind to be incurred by the County. Responses must identify the address of the building or buildings to be removed, a brief description of the method of removal, the date work could begin and an estimated completion date.

Responses are due no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Proposals should be addressed to County Administrator Rod Morgan and may be mailed to 2 County Complex, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351. Electronic responses will be accepted and should be sent to rmorgan@co.coffee.al.us. Please do not hesitate to contact Rod Morgan (334-894-5556 ext. 1128) should you have any questions or to request information. 4/19 & 4/26-chg.

Spring Planting Day and Farmer's Market at Elba's Giving Garden

The Giving Garden of Elba hosted its annual Spring Planting Day last Saturday, April 14. Lots of veggies were planted at the garden to help create a bountiful harvest to benefit the Elba Food Bank. In conjunction with the planting day, a Farmer's Market also was held last Saturday at the Giving Garden. Several local farmer's were on site with goods for sale.

Here are some scenes from the day --



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This event is open to the public. Hosted by Jamie and Steve Wyrosdick.

Bobby Bright, Republican candidate for Congress in Alabama's Second Congressional District in the June 5th Primary, will be at Wyrosdick Farms near Elba on Tuesday, April 24, from 5-8 p.m., to meet and greet local citizens. Bobby, who served on the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee in the 111th Congress, wants to listen to farmers' concerns and hear suggestions to improve Alabama's agricultural economy.

Bobby Bright is a two-term former Mayor of Montgomery and one-term Member of Congress.

Born in Dale County, Bright was raised as one of fourteen children in a sharecropping family. He worked to put himself through college and subsequently law school. He practiced law until being elected Mayor of Montgomery in 1999 and was elected to Congress in 2008. Since 2011, he has been farming in Elmore County.

"I am all in on President Trump's agenda to put America First and Drain the Swamp in Washington. I want to go back to Washington to make sure the true conservative values of the people are represented and provide the people of the Second District a Representative who is accessible and will be in the District to hear their needs," Bright said, adding, "I'm taking that message all across the District."

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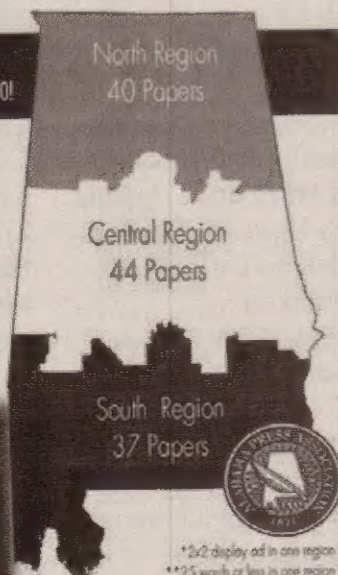
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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We went clothes shopping with Lawson over the weekend and helped him pick out a number of shorts and shirts for the upcoming warm weather. We gave in and bought a couple of gym shorts and t-shirts, which he loves, but did get a couple of nice shorts and colored shirts. We haven't seen any of the 'good' stuff yet, but comfort is number one!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their playoff hopes come to an abrupt end* last week as they blew a 7-0 fifth inning lead and lost to Zion Chapel 9-8 in a 'must win' game for the Tigers. The Tigers hit the ball well in both games of the area series against the Rebels and had chances to win, but simply didn't have the depth on the mound and watched as their record slipped to 2-17. It hasn't been a season for the fans to remember, but hopefully the players will remember the season and make sure it doesn't happen again.


*** *The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of winning the area title turn into a nightmare* last week as they watched Zion Chapel break loose for six runs in the bottom of the final inning in an 8-5 loss that forced the Lady Tigers to settle for the runner-up spot in the area standings. The Lady Tigers have had a big 'bounce back' season and with a 7-7 record have already won more games than the last two seasons, combined, but wanted to win the area and host the post-season tournament to add to their resume. This bunch has already exceeded any and all expectations, and hopefully they will still have even more surprises up their sleeves before the season ends.

*** *A look around the area found most of the noise coming from up the road at Brantley* as both the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs piled up the wins. The Bulldogs swept past Georgiana to clinch the area title and then swept 2A power New Brockton just for good measure, while the Lady Bulldogs reached the '30-win' plateau with a win over 7A Prattville. Both teams are heavy favorites with the post-season just around the corner and both have a shot at bringing home a state title! Kinston and New Brockton tuned up for this week's baseball playoffs with wins over quality opponents, and Zion Chapel doubled its win total in just two days with a sweep over Elba that put the Rebels into the playoffs. Over on the softball field, Kinston showed out at a tournament in Dothan with a win over 6A Auburn, while Zion Chapel locked down the area title and New Brockton showed once again it is much better than its record indicates.

*** *The Alabama High School Athletic Association was the news* last week and announced that the Southeast Region basketball tournament would be moved from Dothan to Montgomery. The tourney had been hosted at the Dothan Civic Center for the past six years, but was never really a comfortable fit due to the design of the building and lack of parking, not to mention the miles logged by teams from Mobile and Montgomery. The tourney will now be housed at Garrett Coliseum, which is more famous for hosting rodeos than basketball games, but the new site will seat 12,500 fans, much more than the 1,900 seated at Dothan, and is centrally located in the state and easily accessible by four-lane highways. I have my doubts about just how good the aged facility will be, but it has to be as good as the Civic Center. In other news, the AHSAA announced that schools would have the choice of using 'instant replay' to review plays in football during the upcoming season. The schools will have to purchase a device to make it possible, and can even buy cameras that can be attached to the pylons in the endzone and the goalpost. High school football games are long enough as it is, but now that the coach can make a minimum of two challenges a game, and can make unlimited challenges as long as he doesn't miss twice, we may be at some games for thirty minutes longer, at least. Oh well, I can't really see a lot of schools our size having the funds to buy the needed equipment. So, we can hope for the best!

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For state showcase

Alex Wright named 'South' all-star

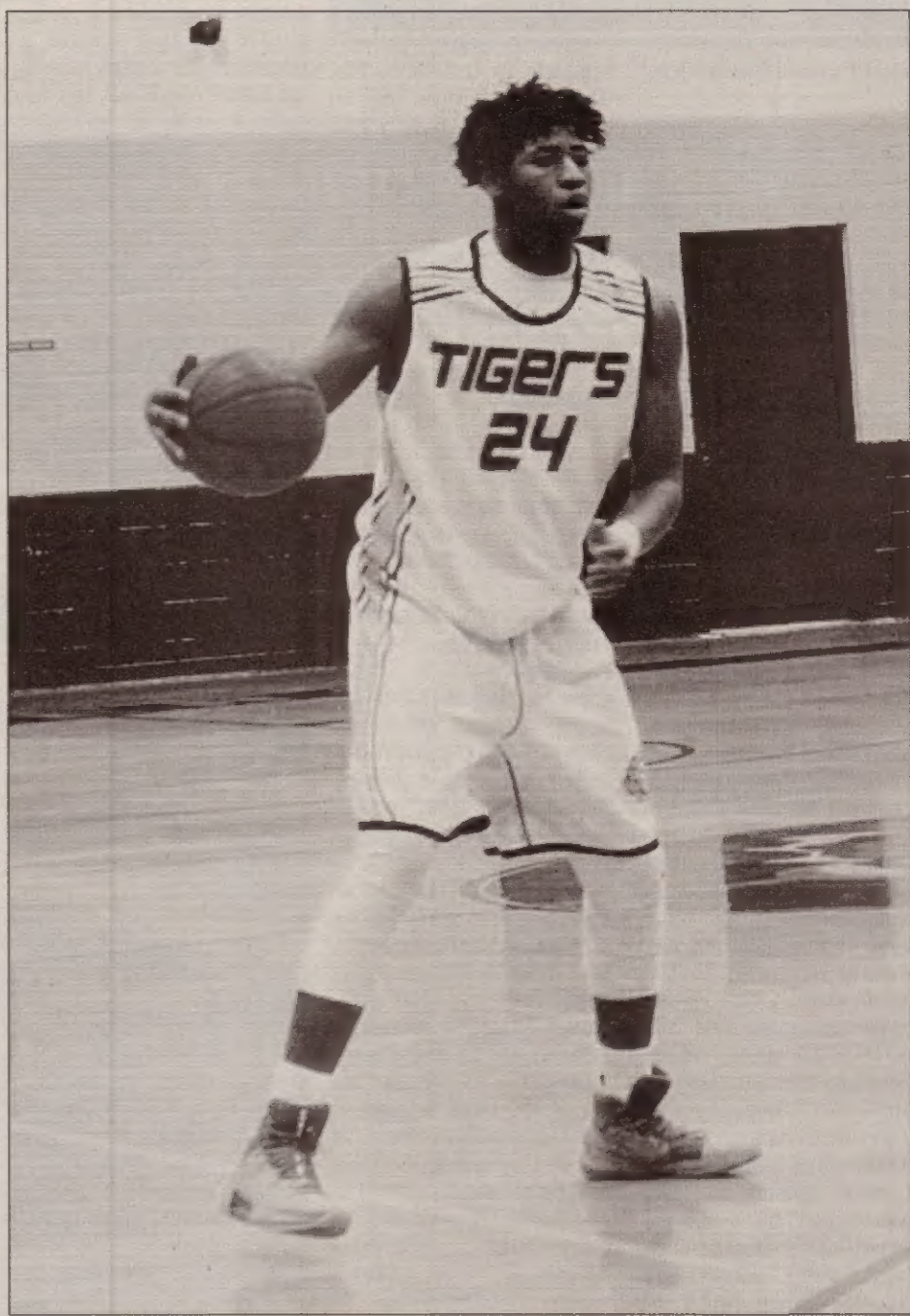
Elba Tiger basketball standout Alex Wright will join three reigning player of the year winners selected last week to compete this summer in the annual AHSAA North-South basketball showcase, to be played on July 18, at the Alabama State University Acadome, in Montgomery.

Wright, a 6-6, junior, power-forward, averaged double digits in both scoring and rebounding for the Tigers during the 2017-2018 season, and also excels on the football field, where he has drawn multiple offers from division one schools.

"Alex is certainly worthy of being selected for this North-South game and there is no doubt he can be one of the top players in the state before he graduates," said Elba head basketball coach William Moguel. "Last season was really the first season Alex was a full-time starter on the court, and he only got better and better as the season went along. We have known how good he is for quite some time, and now maybe folks from across the state will get the chance to watch him play against the best in the state."

The teams selected for the summer showcase consists of upcoming seniors and were selected by the Alabama Athletic Directors and Coaches Association. The games will tip off at 6:00 (Girls) and 7:30 (boys). The South coaches will be Bryant Johnson, of Robert E. Lee, and Mike Smith, of Eufaula.

Other area players named to the All-Star squads include (Boys)



ALEX WRIGHT, a basketball standout at Elba High, will compete this summer as a member of the South team at the AHSAA All-Star Sports Week basketball contest.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Zydarien Brown, Houston County; Jaquon Kinney, Abbeville; Kshun Stokes, Headland; Jarrett Taylor,

Hillcrest-Evergreen; (Girls) River Baldwin, Pleasant Home; Maori Davenport, Charles Henderson;

Ty'Quajah Griffin, Goshen; and, Iveonna Turner, Dothan.

Canada geese are pretty, but..

By *Ericha S. Nix, Wildlife Biologist, Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries*

The sights and sounds of a flock of Canada geese often bring to mind a peaceful scene. We enjoy watching them in the spring, tending to their brood, foraging on the banks of our ponds and lakes, or we hear them overhead and watch them fly in a "V" formation. For some landowners, however, the Canada goose is more a nuisance than an enjoyment.

Canada geese have greatly benefited and flourished from man's alterations to the landscape. In Alabama, Canada geese are readily observed year round throughout the state in both rural and urban areas. Most human-goose conflicts are affiliated with urban settings like parks, golf courses and large fields.

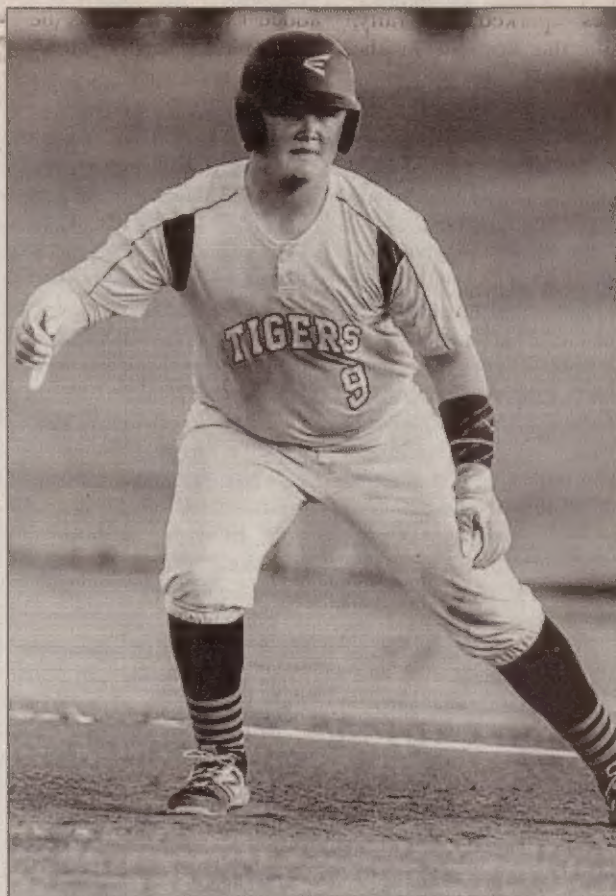
The most common com-

plaint about Canada geese comes from landowners and business owners who are frustrated with the bird's droppings. When geese congregate in large numbers, the accumulation of their droppings can become very unpleasant and, in some instances, a health issue. Other impacts landowners experience include damage to lawns and landscaped areas due to overgrazing, injuries due to attacks from geese defending their nests or by slipping in fecal material. Health concerns can arise when geese congregate in shallow water areas, which could potentially increase bacteria levels via fecal coliform and other pathogens.

Several methods of controlling and/or preventing damage are available. The first step is to stop feeding the geese. Feeding geese — or any wild animal for that matter — leads to larger than normal congregations of the species, causes the animals to lose their fear of humans, and can lead to the animal's having a nutritional imbalance. Aggressive behaviors can be displayed by geese or other animals when they lose their fear of humans due to being fed.

Habitat modifications or landscaping (landscaping by a lake) can be quite effective in deterring geese from your property. Leaving a 13- to 15-foot-wide unmowed natural vegetative buffer that can reach 24 to 36 inches in height around the shoreline can reduce use of the area by geese. A natural vegetative buffer is comprised of native grasses, forbs and shrubs. The key is to have the buffer wide and tall enough to deter the geese. The goal here is to decrease your lawn's attractiveness to the geese.

Populations are on the rise mostly due to changes in the landscape by humans.



ELBA TIGER CHANLER COPPAGE gets a lead off first base during last week's area series against Zion Chapel. The Tigers were eliminated from post-season play with two losses to the Rebels.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

High School SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, April 19

Elba at Carroll
McKenzie at Florala
H. Home at Zion Chapel
Greenville at Luverne
Ashford at Andalusia
G.W. Long at Eufaula
Pl. Home at Kinston
Geneva Co. at New Brockton
Straughn at Slocomb
Auburn at Enterprise

Monday, April 23

Florala at Red Level
Wicksburg at Straughn
Houston Co. at Samson

Tuesday, April 24

H. Home at Elba
Straughn at Kinston
Georgiana at Red Level
Carroll at Luverne
Cottonwood at Pike Co.
Trinity at Ch. Henderson
Florala at McKenzie
New Brockton at Samson
Dothan at G.W. Long
Zion Chapel at Slocomb
Pl. Home at Andalusia
Geneva at Enterprise

SPORTS



OFF AND RUNNING....An Elba Lady Tiger baserunner takes off during recent softball action. The Lady Tigers average almost 10 stolen bases per game for the season.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

Elba loses late to Zion Chapel 8-5

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their goal of claiming the regular season area title fall one win short as they dropped a heartbreaking 8-5 loss to Zion Chapel, last week at Zion Chapel.

The Lady Tigers failed to get a hit over the game's initial three innings and trailed 2-0 heading into the top of the fourth, but cut the deficit in half in the frame when McKenzie Hooks lined a one-out single and scored on an rbi single by A'Maysia Whitfield.

The Lady Tigers continued their rally in the fifth inning as they plated three runs to grab a 4-2 lead. A leadoff single by Alyssa Kyles sparked the rally, while the key hit in the frame was a 3-run homer by Sandra Lindsey that sailed over the fence in left-center.

Elba's lead grew to 5-2 in the sixth when Mckenlie Jerkins singled and came around the score on a pair of stolen bases and a Zion Chapel error, and stayed that way until the bottom of the seventh, when Zion Chapel took advantage of three Elba errors to pull within one run, and then claimed the win on a walk-off grand-slam home run.

Sandra Lindsey had 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while McKenzie Hooks and Mckenlie Jerkins both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and A'Maysia Whitfield, Alyssa Kyles and Praise Edwards all added 1 hit. Jerkins was the losing pitcher despite allowing only one earned run on four hits, with eight strikeouts.

In softball action

Lady Tigers stop 'Brockton and Samson

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their recent winning ways last week with an area win over New Brockton 6-4 and a lopsided road win over Samson 17-5.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Elba 6 New Brockton 4

The Lady Tigers used a 3-run third inning to regain the lead and held on late to escape with a 6-4 area win over New Brockton.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Sandra Lindsey singled and circled the bases on a combination of stolen bases and passed balls, then added a run in the second to regain the lead at 2-1 when Alyssa Kyles reached on a walk and scored on an rbi single by Lindsey.

New Brockton plated two runs in the top of the third to move back in front 3-2, but the Lady Tigers again answered and scored three runs in their half of the frame to grab a 5-3 advantage.

A leadoff double by McKenzie Hooks sparked the third inning uprising, while Mckenlie Jerkins and A'Maysia Whitfield both scored after drawing walks to help Elba move back in front.

New Brockton cut the Elba lead to 5-4 in the fifth. However, the Lady Tigers added an insurance run in the sixth when Mone Martin drew a one-out walk and came around to score on a New Brockton error to enable the Lady Tigers to claim the 6-4 win.

Sandra Lindsey had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1

rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while McKenzie Hooks added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Mckenlie Jerkins, A'Maysia Whitfield, Alyssa Kyles and Mone Martin all scored one run. Mckenlie Jerkins scattered six hits, allowed two earned runs and recorded four strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

Elba 17 Samson 5

The Lady Tigers overcame a slow start to claim a big 17-5 win over Samson, in a six-inning contest in Samson.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, with the big blow being a two-run double by McKenzie Hooks that drove in Sandra Lindsey and Kira Starks, and added two runs in the second without the benefit of a hit as Lindsey and Leah Faircloth both scored thanks to walks and a Samson error.

The Lady Tigers added a lone run in the third when A'Maysia Whitfield delivered a two-out single and was forced in after three straight walks. However, Samson also scored in all three innings and headed into the fourth the Lady Tigers clung to a slim 6-5 lead.

The Lady Tigers broke loose for five runs in the top of the fourth to finally take charge, with Kira Starks, Mckenlie Jerkins, Alyssa Kyles and Mone Martin all getting base hits and circling the bases to help Elba open up an 11-5 advantage.

A leadoff single by Kira Starks ignited a two-run outburst by the Lady Tigers, that enabled Elba to stretch



SWINGING A BIG BAT.... Elba Lady Tiger Mckenlie Jerkins belts a base hit during recent action. Jerkins had 2 hits and scored 4 runs last week to help Elba to two big wins.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

High School

** Baseball ** Softball **

DIAMOND DUST

BASEBALL:

Brantley Bulldogs pop Panthers 19-4

The Brantley Bulldogs scored 11 runs in the opening inning to take command early and coasted in with a 19-4 win over Georgiana. Jake Kilcrease had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Lucas Richardson added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Mack Wise added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Samuel Tompkins added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Mack Wise was the winning pitcher as he tossed a 3-hitter with five strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs rip Georgiana 16-1

The Brantley Bulldogs scored 14 runs in the first inning and cruised to a 16-1 win over Georgiana. Greyson Layton had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 5 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jake Kilcrease and Parker Odom both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs. Mark Nichols was the winning pitcher as he tossed a one-hitter with three strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs cage Gamecocks 14-2

The Brantley Bulldogs scored 12 runs in their final two trips to the plate to pull away and defeat New Brockton 14-2. Jake Kilcrease had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Mack Wise added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Adrian Person added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Samuel Tompkins added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Tompkins was the winning pitcher as he tossed a 4-hitter with 4 strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs beat 'Brockton 7-2

The Brantley Bulldogs woke up late the plate to defeat New Brockton 7-2. Mack Wise had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jake Kilcrease added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Greyson Layton added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Kilcrease was the winning pitcher as he scattered eight hits and fanned six Gamecock batters.

New Brockton ground Squadron 5-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored three runs in the third inning to grab the lead and never looked back in a 5-2 win over Highland Home. Wyatt Woodell had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Hunter Wallace and Caleb Griffin both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Hunter Phillips picked up the win on the mound as he tossed a 3-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Kinston Bulldogs batter Floral 20-2

The Kinston Bulldogs scored early and often in a 20-2 area win over Floral. Aaron Driggers was the winning pitcher with three strikeouts, while at the plate Isaiah Peters had a double and three singles, and Tanner Morris and Jacob Wood both added three singles.

Kinston Bulldogs down Wildcats 5-1

The Kinston Bulldogs clinched a playoff berth with a 5-1 win over the Floral Wildcats. Isaiah Peters was the winning pitcher as he tossed a 3-hitter with seven strikeouts, while at the plate Peters added two singles and one rbi, and Blayne Moore and Colby Copeland both collected an rbi.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley shutout by Rehobeth 1-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits in a 1-0 extra inning loss to 5A Rehobeth. Leanna Johnson and Lainey Wells had the only Brantley hits, while Johnson was the hard luck loser inside the circle as she allowed no earned runs on four hits and recorded 10 strikeouts.

Lady Bulldogs blank Geneva 9-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled away late to defeat Geneva 9-0. Olivia Jones had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Hannah Sims added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and also added 3 rbi's; Lainey Wells added 3 hits and scored 3 runs; Cassidy Wilcox added 2 hits and 3 rbi's; and, Kayden Dunn added 2 hits. Leanna Johnson scattered eight hits in five innings and recorded seven strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

Lady Bulldogs slip past Prattville 2-1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored two runs in the fourth inning to take the lead and held on to defeat 7A Prattville 2-1. Olivia Jones and Hannah Sims both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Cassidy Wilcox added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Leanna Johnson tossed a six-inning one hitter with 15 strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

Kinston flattens Floral 21-5

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 21-5 win over Floral. Baylee Holley had 3 hits and knocked in 5 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Sara Long added 3 hits, and Regan Hawthorne and Jade Elmore both added a double. Macie Smith was the winning pitcher as she posted seven strikeouts.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs win three

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed at a tournament in Dothan over the weekend and posted three impressive wins. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Goshen 3-0 as Mackenzie Chamblee tossed a shutout with one strikeout and added a single, while Baylee Holley had an rbi single. The Lady Bulldogs shocked Opp 6-4 as Jade Elmore had a two-run double to break a 4-4 tie, while Sara Long added two hits, including an rbi double; and Faith Peters added a single and two rbi's. Courtney Lunsford was the winning pitcher as she struck out five batters in three innings. The Lady Bulldogs posted a solid 1-0 win over 6A Auburn as Courtney Lunsford tossed a 2-hit shutout with 8 strikeouts and Faith Peters knocked in the game's only run with an rbi double that drove in Baylee Holley. The Lady Bulldogs tournament run ended with a 2-0 loss to Daphne, with Baylee Holley getting the only Kinston hit.



Elba Tiger golfer Tanner Skinner fired a 74 last week to take medalist honors in a five-team golf match at the Elba Country Club. Andalusia won the event, followed by Enterprise, Opp and Eufaula.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MARKER

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started moving in [to the area] in the 1830s and the community grew. They named it Bridgeville first because they finally put a bridge across Pea River," Helms said. "Many years later, there is a war going on with the Creek Indians, and Colonel Benton from Arkansas comes in to help fight in this war. After he left we were so appreciative, we named it Bentonville. And, then finally Elba."

Helms said there is a legend that goes along with the city being named Elba. She said it was that the citizens put names on a piece of paper, put them in a hat, drew one, and out came Elba. She said that was because one of the citizens had just read an autobiography on Napoleon and like the name Elba from the little island off the coast of France in the Mediterranean Sea.

"So...Elba. Once it was decided it would be incorporated that was in April," Helms said.

A few months prior to that, in October, Helms said it was decided the town would be the site of the county courthouse.

"We had a citizen...buried right here [in Evergreen Cemetery]...John B. Simmons and two others, Gafford Yelverton and his wife Martha...we have streets named for these people today," Helms continued. "They actually gave the land for which the courthouse and surrounding square would be built. So, we are thankful to people in our past."

She also noted that Moses Helms sold the Evergreen Primitive Baptist Church – 11 acres of land – upon which the cemetery started. Now, it is an estimated 23 acres.

"There is a need for more land," Helms noted. "We are an old town – 165 years old – we have a lot of history, a lot of people, and a lot of love."

Helms said looking to the now, Elba is so fortunate to have people that have given good leadership, people who love the community, and people who have been through tragedies.

"You don't stop," she said. "You just keep working to say what is important to you...what touches your heart, and then you celebrate days like today when we come together to say 'thank you'."

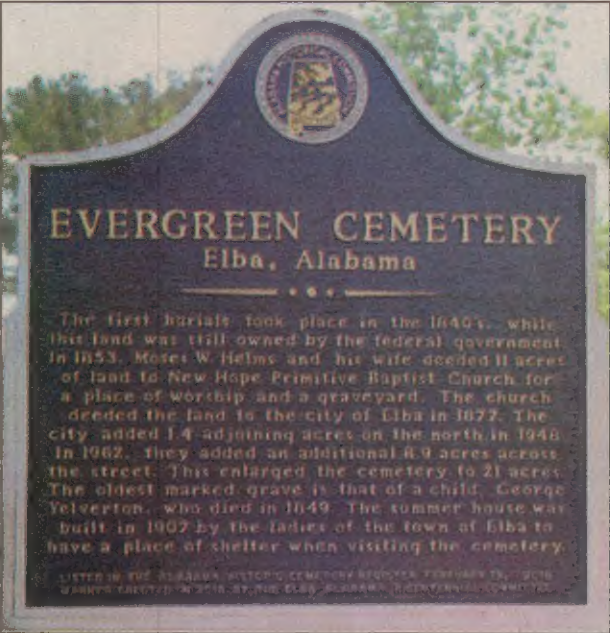
The oldest grave in the Evergreen Cemetery is that of a young child, George Yelverton, born August 1848 and died July 1849. John Simmons, founder of Elba, also is buried in the fenced section of the Evergreen Cemetery.

The City of Elba owns the cemetery, but it is managed and maintained by a Cemetery Perpetual Care Board, which was established in 1993. The board seeks donations to pay for the maintenance of the cemetery, which is about \$25,000 per year.

Immediately following last Friday mornings unveiling of the historical marker for the cemetery, everyone in attendance was invited to the summer house to enjoy "birthday cake" celebrating Elba's 165 years of incorporation.



Jean Helms is shown speaking during the historic marker unveiling.



THIS ALABAMA HISTORICAL MARKER was officially unveiled Friday, April 13, at Elba's Evergreen Cemetery. The marker was erected next to the summer house, which was recently renovated. Elba street department employees helped install the marker.

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NELL GILMER (standing at podium), co-chairman of the Elba AL200 Bicentennial committee, introduces special guests during last Friday's marker unveiling. The renovation of the summer house at Evergreen Cemetery and securing and erecting this historical marker was a project of the Elba AL200 Bicentennial committee. Also pictured are members of the Evergreen Cemetery board. They are (from left): Heath Wyrosdick, Patti Culver, Ceina Spicer, Peggy Stroud, and Beverly McCall.

Over 30 people attended Friday's ceremony.



CENTURY PLANT READY TO BLOOM...Rhonda Evans shared this photo Friday, April 13, of the Century Plant in her yard along Highway 87 between Elba and Jack, which is in the beginning stages of blooming. She said this would be only the second Century Plant she has witnessed bloom. Evans said it has been in the ground on the current property for at least 12 years. She said the landlord for the property is Mack Westbrook.

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